

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed 12/12/07 have been fully considered and entered. Claims 1-4, 7-11, 13 and 14 have been amended, 15-16 and 18 have been canceled and new claim 19 has been added. Applicant's newly submitted abstract to the specification is found sufficient to overcome the objection set forth in section 1 of the Office Action dated 9/27/07. Applicant's cancellation of claim 18 renders moot the claim objection set forth in section 3 of the Office Action dated 9/27/07. Applicant's amendments to claims 7-11 and 13 are found sufficient to overcome the claim objections and 112 2nd paragraph rejections set forth in sections 2 and 4-5 of the Office Action dated 9/27/07. As such these objections and rejections are hereby withdrawn. As previously set forth in section 6 of the Office Action dated 9/27/07 claims 1-14, 17 and 19 are found allowable for reasons set forth herein below.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-14, 17 and 19

Specifically, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest woven fabric layers bonded with a thermoplastic film wherein each individual layer is further coated with an abrasive enriched resin. An art search did not produce any substantial art for which to base a rejection and presently no motivation exists to combine references to form an obviousness type rejection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lynda M. Salvatore whose telephone number is 571-272-1482. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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